## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

**Please replace the title with the following amended title:**

PREPARATION FOR FACILITATING SITE-SPECIFIC GENE CONVERSION AND PREPARATION FOR ~~THERAPY OF GENETIC DISEASES~~GENE THERAPY

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

In the present invention, "collagen" means all "collagens" which are usually used in medical, cosmetic, industrial and food fields. It is preferable to use water-soluble or solubilized collagen. The water-soluble collagen is soluble in acidic or neutral water, or a salt solution, and the solubilized collagen includes an enzymatically solubilized collagen which is solubilized with an enzyme, an acid soluble collagen which is solubilized with an acid, and an alkali soluble collagen which is insolubilized with an alkali, and it is preferable that all can pass through a membrane filter having a pore size of 1 micrometer. Water-solubility of collagen depends on a crosslinking degree of collagen. Since as a crosslinking degree is ~~higher~~less, collagen is solubilized, a crosslinking degree of collagen used in the present invention is preferably a tri- or less-mer, more preferably di- or less-mer. A molecular weight of collagen is preferably about 300 to about 900 thousands, more preferably about 300 to about 600 thousands. Collagen which has been extracted from any animal species may be used, and collagen extracted preferably from a vertebrate, collagen extracted further preferably from a mammal, birds or fishes, collagen extracted from more preferably from a mammal, or birds having a high denaturation temperature. Any type of collagen may be used, and types I to V are preferable from a viewpoint of an amount of existence in an animal body. Specifically, examples include type I collagen which was extracted from a mammal dermis with an acid, more preferably type I collagen which was

extracted from a calf dermis with an acid, and type I and type III collagens produced by genetic engineering, and the like. In addition, from a viewpoint of safety, atelocollagen from which a telopeptide having high antigenicity has been enzymatically removed, or genetically produced atelocollagen is desirable. Alternatively, collagen having a side chain which has been modified if necessary, and crosslinked collagen can be used. Examples of collagen having a modified side chain include succinylated or methylated collagen. Examples of crosslinked collagen include collagen treated with glutaraldehyde, hexamethylene diisocyanate or polyepoxy compound (Fragrance Journal 1989-12, 104-109; Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-59522).